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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it May Concern,

In accordance with the Tunney act I wish to complain that the proposed settlement in the Microsoft case is not in the public interest, or even in the economic interest of this nation.

I work in the IT industry, and I know from personal experience that Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior has cost businesses across this nation huge sums of money.

The proposed settlement lacks effective enforcement. It fails to enforce anticompetitive licensing terms, intentional incompatibilities in the Windows OS's, discriminatory behavior against OEMs and open source software.

It fails to prevent predatory monopoly practices in the future.

The Proposed Final Judgement also uses definitions of the Windows "API" that leave out many Microsoft Windows products which are part of the Microsoft Monopoly.

Microsoft should be broken up into at least two entities, one for the OS and one for the applications. Anything short of this will simply allow Microsoft to continue its business as usual policies.

Thank You,
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